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# Numerical range and a conjugation on a Banach space

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## Abstract

We introduce a conjugation on a Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$  and show properties of a conjugation. After that we show properties of numerical ranges of operators concerning with a conjugation  $C$ . Next we introduce  $(m, C)$ -symmetric and  $(m, C)$ -isometric operators on a Banach space and show spectral properties of such operators.

## 1 Conjugation on a Banach space

First we explain a conjugation on a complex Hilbert space.

**Definition 1.1** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex Hilbert space. An operator  $C$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  is antilinear if it holds that, for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$C(ax + by) = \bar{a}Cx + \bar{b}Cy.$$

*Antilinear operator  $C$  is said to be a conjugation if it holds that, for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$C^2 = I \text{ and } \langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle,$$

*where  $I$  is the identity operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

If  $C$  is a conjugation, then  $\|Cx\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ . For a bounded linear operator  $T$  on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , let  $\sigma(T)$ ,  $\sigma_p(T)$ ,  $\sigma_a(T)$ ,  $\sigma_s(T)$ ,  $\sigma_e(T)$  and  $\sigma_w(T)$  denote the spectrum, the point spectrum, the approximate spectrum, the surjective spectrum, the essential spectrum and the Weyl spectrum of  $T$ , respectively. Then the following result is important.

**Theorem 1.1** (S. Jung, E. Ko and J. E. Lee, [3]) *Let  $C$  be conjugation on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then it holds the following statement hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(CTC) &= \overline{\sigma(T)}, \quad \sigma_p(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_p(T)}, \quad \sigma_a(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_a(T)}, \\ \sigma_s(CTC) &= \overline{\sigma_s(T)}, \quad \sigma_e(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_e(T)} \text{ and } \sigma_w(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_w(T)}, \end{aligned}$$

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where  $\overline{E} = \{\bar{z} : z \in E\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ .

S. Jung, E. Ko and J. E. Lee, *On complex symmetric operator matrices*, J. Math. Anal. Appl., **406**(2013), 373-385. This case doesn't need  $CTC = T^*$ . Only relation between  $T$  and  $CTC$ . Next we explain a conjugation on a Banach space.

**Definition 1.2** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a complex Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $C$  be an operator on  $\mathcal{X}$ . If  $C$  satisfies the following, then  $C$  is said to be a conjugation on a Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ . For all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(*) \quad C^2 = I, \quad C(\alpha x + \beta y) = \bar{\alpha}Cx + \bar{\beta}Cy \text{ and } \|C\| \leq 1,$$

where  $I$  is the identity operator on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Of course, from the definition it holds  $\|Cx\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ .

**Theorem 1.2** If  $C$  satisfies  $(*)$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , then  $\langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $Cy = z$ . Since

$$\|Cx + \alpha z\| = \|C(x + \alpha Cz)\| \leq \|x + \alpha Cz\| = \|C(Cx + \alpha z)\| \leq \|Cx + \alpha z\|,$$

we have  $\|Cx + \alpha z\| = \|x + \alpha Cz\|$ . By taking square, we have  $\operatorname{Re}\langle Cx, z \rangle = \operatorname{Re}\langle Cz, x \rangle$  and

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \operatorname{Re}\langle Cx, z \rangle = \operatorname{Re}\langle Cz, x \rangle = \operatorname{Re}\langle C^2y, x \rangle = \operatorname{Re}\langle y, x \rangle.$$

By taking  $ix$  instead of  $x$ , we have  $\operatorname{Im}\langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \operatorname{Im}\langle y, x \rangle$  and  $\langle Cx, Cy \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$ .  $\square$

**Example 1.1** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{X} = B(\mathcal{H})$ . For conjugations  $C, J$  on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $M_{CJ}$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  is defined by

$$M_{CJ}(T) := CTJ \quad (T \in B(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{X}).$$

Then  $M_{CJ}$  is a conjugation on a Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ .

**Definition 1.3** Let  $C$  be a conjugation on a Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ . The dual operator  $C^* : \mathcal{X}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^*$  of  $C$  is defined by

$$(C^*(f))(x) = \overline{f(Cx)} \quad (x \in \mathcal{X}, f \in \mathcal{X}^*),$$

where  $\mathcal{X}^*$  is the dual space of  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\overline{f(Cx)}$  is the complex conjugate of  $f(Cx)$ .

**Theorem 1.3** If  $C$  is a conjugation on  $\mathcal{X}$ , then  $C^*$  is a conjugation on  $\mathcal{X}^*$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that  $C^{*2} = I^*$  and

$$C^*(f + g) = C^*(f) + C^*(g) \text{ for all } f, g \in \mathcal{X}^*.$$

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , it holds  $(C^*(\lambda f))(x) = \bar{\lambda} \overline{f(Cx)} = \bar{\lambda} (C^*f)(x)$  and  $C^*(\lambda f) = \bar{\lambda} C^*(f)$ . Since, for all  $f \in \mathcal{X}^*$ , it holds

$$|(C^*f)(x)| = |\overline{f(Cx)}| \leq \|f\| \|Cx\| = \|f\| \|x\|,$$

we have  $\|C^*f\| \leq \|f\|$  and  $\|C^*\| \leq 1$ .  $\square$

The same results hold for spectral properties of an operator on a Banach space concerning with a conjugation.

**Theorem 1.4** *Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $C$  be a conjugation on  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then it holds the following :*

$$\sigma(CTC) = \overline{\sigma(T)}, \sigma_a(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_a(T)}, \sigma_p(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_p(T)} \text{ and } \sigma_s(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_s(T)}.$$

## 2 Numerical range of Banach space operator

In this section, we explain definition of the numerical range  $V(T)$  of  $T$  on a Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ .

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $\Pi$  be the set*

$$\Pi := \{(x, f) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}^* : \|f\| = f(x) = \|x\| = 1\}.$$

*For an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$ , the numerical range  $V(T)$  of  $T$  is given by*

$$V(T) = \{f(Tx) : (x, f) \in \Pi\}.$$

**Defitinion 2.2** *For  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$ ;*

- *$T$  is Hermitian if  $V(T) \subset \mathbb{R}$ .*
- *$T$  is positive if  $V(T) \subset [0, \infty)$ . In this case, we write  $T \geq 0$ .*
- *$T$  is normal if there exist Hermitian operators  $H$  and  $K$  such that  $T = H + iK$  and  $HK = KH$ .*
- *$T$  is hyponormal if there exist Hermitian operators  $H$  and  $K$  such that  $T = H + iK$  and  $i(HK - KH) \geq 0$ .*

**Theorem 2.1** *If  $(x, f) \in \Pi$ , then  $(Cx, C^*f) \in \Pi$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(x, f) \in \Pi$ . Then  $\|f\| = f(x) = \|x\| = 1$ .

$$(C^*f)(Cx) = \overline{f(C^2x)} = \overline{f(x)} = 1$$

Since  $\|Cx\| = \|x\| = 1$ , we have

$$\|C^*f\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |(C^*f)(x)| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |f(Cx)| \leq \|f\| \|Cx\| = 1.$$

Therefore, we have  $\|C^*f\| \leq 1$  and  $\|C^*f\| = 1$  and so  $(Cx, C^*f) \in \Pi$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a complex Banach space,  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $C$  be a conjugation on  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then  $V(CTC) = \overline{V(T)}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $z \in V(CTC)$ . Then there exists  $(x, f) \in \Pi$  such that  $z = f(CTCx)$ . We obtain  $z = \overline{(C^*f)(TCx)}$ . Since  $(Cx, C^*f) \in \Pi$ , we have  $z \in \overline{V(T)}$  and  $V(CTC) \subset \overline{V(T)}$ . Therefore, we have  $V(T) = V(C^2TC^2) \subset \overline{V(CTC)}$  and  $V(CTC) = \overline{V(T)}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3** *Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $C$  be a conjugation on  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then following results hold.*

- (1)  *$T$  is Hermitian if and only if  $CTC$  is Hermitian.*
- (2)  *$T$  is positive if and only if  $CTC$  is positive.*
- (3)  *$T$  is normal if and only if  $CTC$  is normal.*
- (4)  *$T$  is hyponormal if and only if  $CTC$  is hyponormal.*
- (5)  *$T$  is compact if and only if  $CTC$  is compact.*

**Definition 2.3**

- Denote by  $V_\omega(T)$  the set of all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that there exists a sequence  $(x_n, f_n) \in \Pi$  which satisfies  $w\text{-}\lim x_n = 0$  and  $\lim f_n(Tx_n) = z$ . The set  $V_\omega(T)$  is said to be the sequential essential numerical range of  $T$ .
- For an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$ , the essential numerical range  $V_e(T)$  of  $T$  is given by

$$V_e(T) := \{\mathcal{F}(T) : \mathcal{F} \in B(\mathcal{X})^*, \|\mathcal{F}\| = \mathcal{F}(I) = 1, \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})) = \{0\}\},$$

where  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})$  is the set of all compact operators on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

- Denote by  $W_e(T)$  the set of all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with the property that there are nets  $(x_\alpha) \subset \mathcal{X}$ ,  $(f_\alpha) \subset \mathcal{X}^*$  such that  $\|f_\alpha\| = f_\alpha(x_\alpha) = 1$  ( $\forall \alpha$ ),  $x_\alpha \rightarrow 0$  (weakly) and  $f_\alpha(x_\alpha) \rightarrow z$ . The set  $W_e(T)$  is said to be the spatial essential numerical range of  $T$ .

**Theorem 2.4** *For any conjugation  $C$ ,  $w\text{-}\lim x_n = 0$  if and only if  $w\text{-}\lim Cx_n = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Assume  $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ . Then, for any  $f \in \mathcal{X}^*$ , since  $C^*f \in \mathcal{X}^*$ , we have  $f(Cx_n) = \overline{(C^*f)(x_n)} \rightarrow 0$ . Hence  $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Cx_n = 0$ . Since  $x_n = C^2x_n$ , the converse is clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5** *For any conjugation  $C$ ,  $V_\omega(CTC) = \overline{V_\omega(T)}$  and  $W_e(CTC) = \overline{W_e(T)}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $z \in V_\omega(CTC)$ . There exists a sequence  $\{(x_n, f_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of  $\Pi$  such that  $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(CTCx_n) = z$ . We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (C^*f_n)(TCx_n) = \overline{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(CTCx_n)} = \bar{z}.$$

Since  $(Cx_n, C^*f_n) \in \Pi$  and  $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Cx_n = 0$  by Theorem 2.4, we obtain  $\bar{z} \in V_\omega(T)$  and  $\overline{V_\omega(CTC)} \subset V_\omega(T)$ . Hence we have  $V_\omega(T) = V_\omega(C^2TC^2) \subset \overline{V_\omega(CTC)}$  and  $V_\omega(CTC) = \overline{V_\omega(T)}$ . The proof of  $W_e(CTC) = \overline{W_e(T)}$  is almost the same.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6** For any conjugation  $C$ ,  $V_e(CTC) = \overline{V_e(T)}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}(CTC) \in V_e(CTC)$ . Then there exists  $\mathcal{F} \in B(\mathcal{X})^*$  such that  $\|\mathcal{F}\| = \mathcal{F}(I) = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})) = \{0\}$ . Since

$$|C^*\mathcal{F}(T)| = |\overline{\mathcal{F}(CTC)}| \leq \|\mathcal{F}\| \cdot \|CTC\| \leq \|T\|$$

and

$$C^*\mathcal{F}(I) = \overline{\mathcal{F}(CIC)} = \overline{\mathcal{F}(I)} = \bar{1} = 1,$$

we have  $\|C^*\mathcal{F}\| = 1$ . Moreover, by Theorem 2.3 (5),  $C^*\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X})) = \{0\}$ . Therefore, we obtain  $\mathcal{F}(CTC) \in \overline{V_e(T)}$  and so  $V_e(CTC) \subset \overline{V_e(T)}$ . Hence we have  $V_e(T) = V_e(C^2TC^2) \subset \overline{V_e(CTC)}$  and  $V_e(CTC) = \overline{V_e(T)}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $C$  be a conjugation on  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then following results hold.

- (1)  $x \in \ker(T)$  if and only if  $Cx \in \ker(CTC)$ .
- (2)  $x \in R(T)$  if and only if  $Cx \in R(CTC)$ .
- (3)  $R(T)$  is closed if and only if  $R(CTC)$  is closed.

*Proof.* (1) If  $x \in \ker(T)$ , then we have  $(CTC)Cx = CTx = 0$  and hence  $Cx \in \ker(CTC)$ . Conversely, if  $Cx \in \ker(CTC)$ , then we obtain  $x = C^2x \in \ker(C^2TC^2) = \ker(T)$ .

(2) Let  $x \in R(T)$ . Since  $\exists y \in \mathcal{X}$ ;  $x = Ty$ , it follows that  $Cx = CTy = CTC(Cy)$  and hence  $Cx \in R(CTC)$ . Conversely, if  $Cx \in R(CTC)$ , then  $x = C^2x \in R(C^2TC^2) = R(T)$ .

(3) Let  $R(T)$  be closed and  $\{x_n\} \subset R(CTC)$  be a Cauchy sequence. By Theorem 2.7 (2), it follows  $Cx_n \in R(C^2TC^2) = R(T)$ . Since

$$\|Cx_m - Cx_n\| \leq \|C\| \|x_m - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty,$$

$\{Cx_n\} \subset R(T)$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $R(T)$  is closed,  $\exists x_0 \in R(T)$ ;  $x_0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Cx_n$ .

Then  $x_n = C^2x_n \rightarrow Cx_0$  and by Theorem 2.7 (2), we have  $Cx_0 \in R(CTC)$ . Therefore,  $R(CTC)$  is closed. Conversely if  $R(CTC)$  is closed, then  $R(T) = R(C^2TC^2)$  is closed.  $\square$

**Definition 2.4** Let  $\sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)$  denote the set of all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors which satisfies  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  (weakly) and  $(T - z)x_n \rightarrow 0$ . The set  $\sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)$  is said to be the essential approximate point spectrum of  $T$ .

**Theorem 2.8** For  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and any conjugation  $C$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{eap}}(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $z \in \sigma_{\text{eap}}(CTC)$ . Take a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  (weakly) and  $(CTC - z)x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We have

$$C(T - \bar{z})Cx_n = (CTC - z)x_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus we obtain  $(T - \bar{z})Cx_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\|Cx_n\| = \|x_n\| = 1$  and  $Cx_n \rightarrow 0$  (weakly), we have  $\bar{z} \in \sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)$  and hence  $\overline{\sigma_{\text{eap}}(CTC)} \subset \sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $\sigma_{\text{eap}}(T) = \sigma_{\text{eap}}(C^2TC^2) \subset \overline{\sigma_{\text{eap}}(CTC)}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{eap}}(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.5** An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  is Fredholm if and only if there exists operators  $S_1, S_2 \in B(\mathcal{X})$  such that  $TS_1 - I$  and  $S_2T - I$  are compact operators. The essential spectrum  $\sigma_e$  of  $T$  is the set of all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $T - z$  is not Fredholm.

We have the following results.

**Theorem 2.9** For  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and a conjugation  $C$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ ,  $T$  is Fredholm if and only if  $CTC$  is Fredholm.

**Theorem 2.10** For  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$ ,  $\sigma_e(CTC) = \overline{\sigma_e(T)}$ .

These definitions (numerical range, Fredholm, essential spectrum and others) are from the following paper: Barraa and Müller; On the essential numerical range, Acta Sci. Math. (Szeged) **71** (2005), 285-298.

### 3 $(m, C)$ -Symmetric Operators on a Banach space

We introduce and show some properties of  $(m, C)$ -symmetric operators on a Banach space.

**Definition 3.1** For an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and a conjugation  $C$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ , we define an operator  $\alpha_m(T; C)$  by

$$\alpha_m(T; C) := \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} CT^{m-j}CT^j.$$

An operator  $T$  is said to be  $(m, C)$ -symmetry if  $\alpha_m(T; C) = 0$ .

It hold that

$$CTC \alpha_m(T; C) - \alpha_m(T; C)T = \alpha_{m+1}(T; C).$$

Hence if  $T$  is  $(m, C)$ -symmetry, then  $T$  is  $(n, C)$ -symmetry for every  $n \geq m$ .

**Example 3.1** If  $Q$  is an  $n$ -nilpotent operator on  $\mathcal{X}$ , then  $Q$  is  $(2n-1, C)$ -symmetry for any conjugation  $C$ .

*Proof.* By the definition, we have

$$\alpha_{2n-1}(Q; C) := \sum_{j=0}^{2n-1} (-1)^j \binom{2n-1}{j} CQ^{2n-1-j}CQ^j.$$

When  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ , we have  $Q^{2n-1-j} = 0$ . When  $j \geq n$ , we obtain  $Q^j = 0$ . Therefore, we conclude  $\alpha_{2n-1}(Q; C) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.2** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  satisfy  $\sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} C T^{m-j} C T^j = 0$  for some conjugation  $C$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . We define a conjugation  $M_C(S)$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $M_C(S) := C S C$  ( $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ). Let an operator  $L_T(S)$  be  $L_T(S) := T S$  ( $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ). Then  $L_T$  is an  $(m, M_C)$ -symmetric operator on a Banach space  $B(\mathcal{H})$ .

**Definition 3.2** A pair  $(T, S)$  of operators  $T, S \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is said to be  $C$ -doubly commuting if  $TS = ST$  and  $S \cdot CTC = CTC \cdot S$ .

• If  $(T, S)$  is  $C$ -doubly commuting, then it holds that

$$\alpha_n(T + S; C) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \alpha_{n-j}(T; C) \alpha_j(S; C)$$

and

$$\alpha_n(TS; C) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} C T^j C \cdot \alpha_{n-j}(T; C) \alpha_j(S; C) \cdot S^{n-j}.$$

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $T$  be  $(m, C)$ -symmetry and  $S$  be  $(n, C)$ -symmetry. If  $(T, S)$  is  $C$ -doubly commuting, then  $T + S$  is  $(m + n - 1, C)$ -symmetry.

*Proof.* We have

$$\alpha_{m+n-1}(T + S; C) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+n-1} (-1)^j \binom{m+n-1}{j} \alpha_{m+n-1-j}(T; C) \cdot \alpha_j(S; C).$$

When  $j \geq n$ , we have  $\alpha_j(S; C) = 0$ . When  $j \leq n - 1$ , we obtain  $\alpha_{m+n-1-j}(T; C) = 0$  since  $m + n - 1 - j \geq m + n - 1 - (n - 1) = m$ . Therefore, we conclude  $\alpha_{m+n-1}(T + S; C) = 0$ .  $\square$

By Example 3.1 and Theorem 3.1, we have the following Theorem 3.2.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $T$  be  $(m, C)$ -symmetry and  $Q$  be  $n$ -nilpotent. If  $(T, Q)$  is  $C$ -doubly commuting, then  $T + Q$  is  $(m + 2n - 2, C)$ -symmetry.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $T$  be  $(m, C)$ -symmetry. Then

- (1)  $T^n$  is  $(m, C)$ -symmetry for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (2) If  $T$  is invertible, then  $T^{-1}$  is  $(m, C)$ -symmetry.

*Proof.* (1) Since  $\alpha_m(T; C) = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} (a^n - b^n)^m &= (a - b)^m (a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + \cdots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1})^m \\ &= (a - b)^m (\xi_0 a^{m(n-1)} + \xi_1 a^{m(n-1)-1}b + \cdots + \xi_{m(n-1)} b^{m(n-1)}) \end{aligned}$$



where  $\xi_i$  are coefficients ( $i = 0, \dots, m(n-1)$ ), it follows that

$$\alpha_m(T^n; C) = \sum_{j=0}^{m(n-1)} \xi_j CT^{m(n-1)-j}C \cdot \alpha_m(T; C) \cdot T^j = 0.$$

Hence the operator  $T^n$  is  $(m, C)$ -symmetry.

(2) Suppose that  $T$  is invertible and  $(m, C)$ -symmetry. Since  $\alpha_m(T; C) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= CT^{-m}C \left( \alpha_m(T; C) \right) T^{-m} \\ &= CT^{-m}C \left( \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} CT^{m-j}CT^j \right) T^{-m} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} C(T^{-1})^jC \cdot (T^{-1})^{m-j}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the operator  $T^{-1}$  is  $(m, C)$ -symmetry.  $\square$

Next we show spectral properties of  $(m, C)$ -symmetric operators. It needs the following result.

**Theorem 3.4** (C. Schmoege, [5]) *Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and  $f$  be a polynomial. Then*

$$(1) \sigma_a(f(T)) = f(\sigma_a(T)) \quad \text{and} \quad (2) \sigma_{\text{eap}}(f(T)) \subset f(\sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)).$$

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  be  $(m, C)$ -symmetry.*

(1) *If  $z \in \sigma_a(T)$  ( $\sigma_p(T)$ ), then  $\bar{z} \in \sigma_a(T)$  ( $\sigma_p(T)$ ).*

(2) *If  $z \in \sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)$ , then  $\bar{z} \in \sigma_{\text{eap}}(T)$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $z \in \sigma_a(T)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such that  $(T - z)x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since

$$\alpha_m(T; C) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} (CTC - z)^{m-j} (T - z)^j,$$

we have

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_m(T; C)x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (CTC - z)^m x_n.$$

By Theorem 3.5 for a polynomial  $f(x) = z^m$ , we obtain  $0 \in \sigma_a(CTC - z)$  and hence  $z \in \sigma_a(CTC)$ . By Theorem 1.7, it holds  $\bar{z} \in \sigma_a(T)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6** *If  $T$  is  $(m, C)$ -symmetry, then  $\ker(T) \subset C(\ker(T^m))$ .*

*Proof.* If  $x \in \ker(T)$ , then we obtain

$$CT^mCx = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j+1} \binom{m}{j} CT^{m-j}CT^jx = 0$$

and  $T^mCx = 0$ . Hence we have  $Cx \in \ker(T^m)$  and  $x \in C(\ker(T^m))$ .  $\square$

## 4 $(m, C)$ -Isometric Operators on a Banach space

We introduce and show some properties of an  $(m, C)$ -isometric operators on a Banach space.

**Definition 4.1** For an operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{X})$  and a conjugation  $C$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ , we define an operator  $\beta_m(T; C)$  by

$$\beta_m(T; C) := \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} C T^{m-j} C T^{m-j}$$

An operator  $T$  is said to be  $(m, C)$ -isometry if  $\beta_m(T; C) = 0$ .

It hold that

$$CTC \beta_m(T; C) T - \beta_m(T; C) = \beta_{m+1}(T; C).$$

Hence if  $T$  is a  $(m, C)$ -isometry, then  $T$  is a  $(n, C)$ -isometry for every  $n \geq m$ . It holds similar results.

**Example 4.1** Let  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  satisfy  $\sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} C T^{m-j} C T^{m-j} = 0$  for some conjugation  $C$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . We define a conjugation  $M_C$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $M_C(S) := CSC$  ( $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ). Let an operator  $L_T$  be  $L_T(S) := TS$  ( $S \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ). Then  $L_T$  is an  $(m, M_C)$ -isometric operator on a Banach space  $B(\mathcal{H})$ .

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $T$  is  $(m, C)$ -isometry. Then

- (1)  $0 \notin \sigma_a(T)$ .
- (2) If  $z \in \sigma_a(T)$ , then  $\bar{z}^{-1} \in \sigma_a(T)$ .

The statement (2) holds for  $\sigma_p(T)$  and  $\sigma_{\text{cap}}(T)$ . Therefore, if  $T$  is  $(m, C)$ -isometry, then  $\|T\| \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* (1) Assume that there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such that  $Tx_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since it holds

$$0 = \beta_m(T; C) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} C T^{m-j} C \cdot T^{m-j} + (-1)^m I,$$

we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ix_n = 0$ . Hence, it's a contradiction and  $0 \notin \sigma_a(T)$ .

(2) Let  $z \in \sigma_a(T)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of unit vectors such that  $(T-z)x_n \rightarrow 0$ . Since it holds

$$(zCTC - 1)^m x_n = \left( \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^{j+1} \binom{m}{j} C T^{m-j} C (T^{m-j} - z^{m-j}) \right) x_n \rightarrow 0,$$

we have  $0 \in \sigma_a((zCTC - 1)^m)$ . By Theorem 3.5 for a polynomial  $f(x) = z^m$ , we obtain  $0 \in \sigma_a(zCTC - 1)$ . By (1), since  $z \neq 0$ , we have  $z^{-1} \in \sigma_a(CTC)$  and hence, by Theorem 1.7, it holds  $\bar{z}^{-1} \in \sigma_a(T)$ .  $\square$

We have the following results.

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $T$  be  $(m, C)$ -isometry and  $Q$  be  $n$ -nilpotent. If  $(T, Q)$  is  $C$ -doubly commuting, then  $T + Q$  is  $(m + 2n - 2, C)$ -isometry.*

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $T$  be  $(m, C)$ -isometry. Then*

- (1)  $T^n$  is  $(m, C)$ -isometry for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (2) If  $T$  is invertible, then  $T^{-1}$  is  $(m, C)$ -isometry.

Please see following references for details.

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